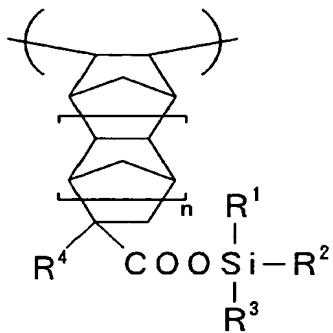


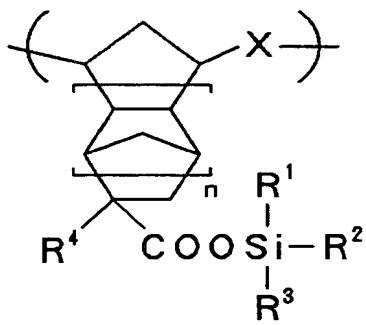
ABSTRACT

Disclosed herein are a novel (co)polymer having a silyl carboxylate residue, a production process thereof and a production process of a carboxyl group-containing 5 (co)polymer.

A (co)polymer of the invention comprises a structural unit represented by the following general formula (1). Another (co)polymer of the invention comprises a structural unit represented by the following general formula (2).

General formula (1)

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General formula (2)

wherein n is 0 or 1, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ mean, independently of one another, a hydrogen atom, halogen atom or monovalent

organic group, and X denotes an ethylene or vinylene group.